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Dear Sister —

I will pay a word by pen as I find that I cannot see thee at this time in person — The subject of Peace has of late claimed much of my attention on account of the present aspect of the Abolition cause — getting into the hands of politicians — Will they not prosecute it by the sword, unless peace principles are instilled into the heart of this nation? — I know not thy sentiments on this subject, but presume they are in unison with mine — Is Slavery the greatest sin of this nation? Is not something more required of us than what we are now doing? — Please give my love to thy sisters, and ask them if they will write me on the subject alluded to. I would have no one abandon

the Anti Slavery enterprise — I would only have them engage in another enterprise, which would establish abolition on an immutable basis — I see the difficulties in the way, and estimate them very much, yes, so much greater than the abolition of slavery, as hardly to be heard in comparison with it. — — Are not some of you, who have passed unscathed through one furnace ready to enter another seven times hotter? — — It would give me great pleasure to see Caroline or Anne at my boarding house, for a good long visit, if they can have come — — Can they not come and talk things over?

Thine for truth
Abby Kelley

I have seen your report — It is just the thing — I hope you will send it far and wide — wherever there is any soil it will bring forth good fruit — I will try to get one Dott to do something for its circulation —

Lydia G. Keen goes to attend your Fair in my stead in acceptation of an invitation by Henrietta Sargent. She is a choice girl — —

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